

About the Author of *Mackinac Bridge*

Mike Fornes has covered the Mackinac Bridge for more than 20 years for several media outlets in Northern Michigan, including radio and television stations and the Cheboygan Daily Tribune.

He broke the story of Leslie Pluhar's Yugo plummeting off the bridge for WPBN/WTOM TV 7&4 after noticing police lights on the span from the dining room window of his home on the Straits of Mackinac. The incident was named the top news story in the state of Michigan for 1989.

A resident of Mackinaw City, Mich., he enjoys scuba diving and sailing among his interests in the Northern Michigan area.

Fornes is frequently in demand as a guest speaker and presenter to tour groups, cruise ship organizations and historical societies. He estimates that he has given more than 1,500 tours of the Mackinac Bridge from motorcoaches, cruise boats and shore-based presentations.

He is also the author of "Mackinac Bridge – A 50 Year Chronicle 1957-2007," and "USCGC Mackinaw WAGB 83 – An Illustrated History of a Great Lakes Queen."